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SUBJECT: FRG TAKES FURTHER MEASURES TO COMBAT
TERRORISM

SUMMARY: THE FEDERAL CABINET AGREED ON MAY 7 TO THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ANTI-TERRORIST UNIT WITHIN THE
FEDERAL CRIMINAL OFFICE (BKA) IN BONN. THE NEW UNIT
WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE AND COME UNDER THE
DIRECTION OF A BKA VICE PRESIDENT FOR ALL BONN
OPERATIONS (THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE BKA IS IN
WIESBADEN). THE UNIT IS TO HAVE AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF
DM7.2 MILLION. INTERIOR MINISTER MAIHOFFER RECENTLY
GAVE THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF TERRORISTS
IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC: KNOWN TERRORISTS STILL AT
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LARGE (27), POTENTIAL TERRORISTS (100) AND ACTIVE

SYMPATHIZERS (200-300). IN OTHER RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, BAADER DEFENSE ATTORNEY KURT GROENWOLD HAS BEEN BARRED FROM THE MAY 21 BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL, THE LAENDER HAVE CALLED FOR STRICTER CONTROLS OVER THE LAWYER-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP IN TERRORIST CASES AND TWO OF THE LAENDER HAVE INTRODUCED A DRAFT LAW IN THE BUNDESRAT TO STRENGTHEN THE WEST GERMAN CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY LAW. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FEDERAL CABINET AGREED ON MAY 7 TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW UNIT (SONDEREINHEIT TERRORISMUS) WITHIN THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL OFFICE (BKA). THE NEW UNIT WILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE AND WILL BE LOCATED IN BONN UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A BKA VICE PRESIDENT WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ALL PERSONNEL IN BONN. THE UNIT WILL HAVE A BUDGET OF DM7.2 MILLION FOR 1976 AND WILL RECEIVE ONE-HALF THAT AMOUNT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR. IT WILL DIRECT AND COORDINATE ACTIVITIES AGAINST POLITICAL TERRORISM IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND WILL HAVE OPERATIONAL, INVESTIGATIVE AND ANALYTICAL FUNCTIONS. THE CABINET ALSO AGREED ON AN ADDITIONAL DM2 MILLION EXPENDITURE FOR THE STRENGTHENING FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTERS APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW UNIT ON APRIL 11. THE FORMATION OF THE NEW FEDERAL ANTI-TERRORIST UNIT COMES IN THE WAKE OF THE RESURGENCE OF POLITICAL TERRORISM. IN THE PAST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEDERAL POLICE FORCE SIMILAR TO OUR FBI HAS BEEN SUGGESTED. HOWEVER, THE CREATION OF A GERMAN FBI, WOULD NECESSITATE AMENDING THE BASIC LAW (CONSTITUTION) WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN THE BUNDESRAT. SOME OF THE LAENDER OPPOSE CENTRALIZATION OF POLICE POWERS AND IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT SUCH PROPOSAL WOULD RECEIVE THE NECESSARY MAJORITY. MEMORIES OF THE ABUSES OF THE NATIONAL POLICE DURING THE NAZI PERIOD ALSO MILITATE AGAINST THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL POLICE FORCE. THE CREATION OF THE NEW UNIT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COPE WITH TERRORISM WITHOUT ESTABLISHING A FULL NATIONAL POLICE FORCE. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. IN THE MAY 5 ISSUE OF "SPIEGEL" INTERIOR MINISTER MAIHOFFER POINTED OUT THAT IN 1969 THE BKA HAD 900 PEOPLE AND AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF DM22 MILLION. BY 1975, HE SAID, THE BKA HAS 2,200 PEOPLE AND AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF DM137 MILLION. ACCORDING TO MAIHOFFER THERE ARE STILL APPROXIMATELY 27 PERSONS WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF HAVING PARTICIPATED IN TERRORIST ACTS AT LARGE. IN

ADDITION THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 100 PERSONS WHO WOULD BE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN TERRORIST ACTS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. HE ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE ALSO APPROXIMATELY 200 TO 300 ACTIVE SYMPATHIZERS (PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP PREPARE AND SUPPORT TERRORISTS ACTIVITIES BUT WHO ARE NOT PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTUAL ACTS OF TERROR) IN WEST GERMANY.

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3. ON MAY 6 THE STUTTGART LAND COURT ANNOUNCED THE EXCLUSION OF ANDREAS BAADER'S LAWYER KURT GROENEWOLD FROM THE TRIAL OF THE FOUR LEADING BAADER-MEINHOF

ANARCHISTS WHICH IS TO BEGIN ON MAY 21. GROENEWOLD IS ACCUSED OF HAVING EXTENSIVE CONTACTS, AT LEAST SINCE 1973, WITH THE TERRORISTS ORGANIZATION, THE RED ARMY FAKTION. EARLIER, DEFENSE COUNSEL KLAUS CROISSANT WAS EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE TRIAL.

4. AT THE APRIL 11 MEETING OF THE LAENDER INTERIOR MINISTERS, THE MAJORITY VOTED FOR A PROPOSAL CALLING FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF CONTROLS ON THE RELATIONSHIP
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BETWEEN DEFENSE COUNSEL AND ACCUSED TERRORISTS. BADEN-WUERTEMBERG AND BAVARIA HAVE INTRODUCED A DRAFT LAW IN THE BUNDESRAT TO STRENGTHEN THE CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY LAW. UNDER THE DRAFT LAW, DOCTORS, LAWYERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WOULD BE LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO REPORT INFORMATION ABOUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE CASES INVOLVING POLITICAL KIDNAPPING. SUCH PERSONS ARE ALREADY REQUIRED TO DO SO UNDER GERMAN LAW IN CASES INVOLVING MANSLAUGHTER, MURDER OR GENOCIDE.
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